

## CHAPTER 294

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**HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

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**HOUSE BILL 05-1302**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Frangas, Boyd, Coleman, Green, Riesberg, and Stafford;  
also SENATOR(S) Sandoval, Anderson, Kester, and Tochtrop.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 25-3.5-103 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 25-3.5-103 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

**25-3.5-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) ~~"Ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned land vehicle especially constructed or modified and equipped, intended to be used, and maintained or operated by an ambulance service for the transportation, upon the streets and highways in this state, of individuals who are sick, injured, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.~~ "AIR AMBULANCE" MEANS A FIXED-WING OR ROTOR-WING AIRCRAFT THAT IS EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORTATION AND IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ILL, INJURED, OR OTHERWISE MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED AND WHO REQUIRE IN-FLIGHT MEDICAL SUPERVISION.

(1.5) "AMBULANCE" MEANS ANY PRIVATELY OR PUBLICLY OWNED GROUND VEHICLE:

(a) ESPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED OR MODIFIED AND EQUIPPED, INTENDED TO BE USED, AND MAINTAINED OR OPERATED BY AN AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, UPON THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS IN THIS STATE, OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SICK, INJURED, OR OTHERWISE INCAPACITATED OR HELPLESS; AND

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(b) THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) ~~"Ambulance driver" means any person authorized to drive an ambulance in this state as provided in this article.~~

**SECTION 2.** 25-3.5-307 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**25-3.5-307. Licensure of fixed-wing and rotor-wing ambulances - cash fund created - rules.** (1) All fixed-wing and ~~rotary-wing~~ ROTOR-WING AIR ambulance services shall be licensed by the department. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ACCREDITATION PROCESS AS ESTABLISHED AND UPDATED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS ("CAMTS") OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE AND RENEWAL OF SUCH LICENSE BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL FIXED-WING AND ROTOR-WING AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES. ALL FIXED-WING AND ROTOR-WING AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OBTAIN ACCREDITATION FROM CAMTS OR FROM A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2007. The board shall promulgate rules specifying ADDITIONAL licensure requirements, establishing a reasonable fee for licensure, and specifying the procedure and grounds for the suspension, revocation, or denial of a license. ~~All rules shall be promulgated in consultation with the providers of fixed-wing and rotary-wing ambulance services. The board shall complete its rule-making no later than January 1, 2003.~~ SUCH RULES SHALL INCLUDE THE PROCESS USED TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AGAINST AN AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE AND PROCEDURES FOR DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT BY AN AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE; EXCEPT THAT COMPLAINTS THAT ARE RELATED TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CAMTS OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION SHALL BE REFERRED TO CAMTS OR SUCH SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION FOR INVESTIGATION. THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS IN MAKING LICENSURE DECISIONS CONCERNING AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES.

**SECTION 3.** The introductory portion to 25-3.5-308 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**25-3.5-308. Rules.** (1) The board shall adopt rules establishing the minimum requirements for ground ~~fixed-wing, and rotary-wing~~ ambulance service licensing, including but not limited to:

**SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, and shall apply to any fixed-wing or rotor-wing ambulances licensed on or after said date.

**SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 3, 2005